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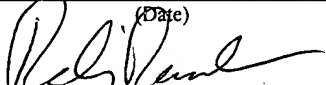
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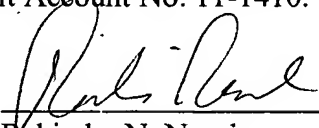
  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Preliminary Amendment in 3 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, enter the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.